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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>	Attorney Docket No.	205018US6
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	Title	INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM
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<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents</i>	<b>ADDRESS TO:</b> Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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<p>18. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This application is a <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Division <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of application Serial No. Filed on</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which was published in English</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which was not published in English</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This application claims priority of provisional application Serial No. Filed</p>	
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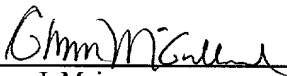
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Listed below is the name and address of the inventor for the above-identified patent application.

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A declaration containing all the necessary information will be submitted at a later date.

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- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
JAPAN	2000-077628	March 21, 2000

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